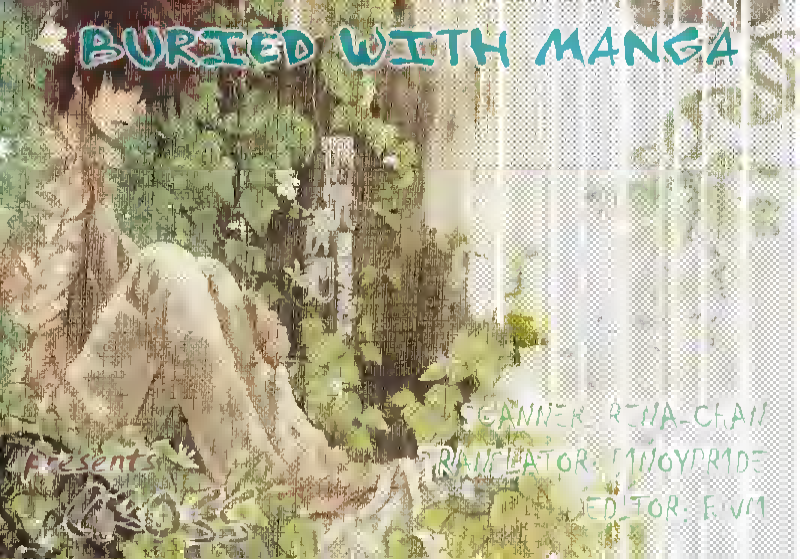
BURIED WITH MANGA
SCANNER: RENA-CHAN
TRANSLATOR: MINOYPRIDE
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ARATAA !!!!!
SCARS OF THE HEART
THAT WILL NEVER HEAL...
THE ONE LEFT BEHIND
WILL CARRY THE BURDEN
OF REDEMPTION FOR A
LIFETIME...
CROSS

AT THE MOMENT THAT THE TWO SOULS INTERTWINE THE ACHINGS OF THEIR HEART WILL TURN INTO STRENGTH

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SOMEWHERE IN TOKYO
NO WAY.
HELLO THERE EVERYONE.
I'M RENO BANKS,
AN ACCOUNTANT FOR A POLICE ORGANIZATION CALLED CROSS
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WE'LL LISTEN TO YOUR DEMANDS!!
THERE SEEMS TO BE AN INCIDENT
OCCURING RIGHT NOW, AND
SO, PLEASE
LET THE HOSTAGE GO!!!
THE HOSTAGE

SHUT UP OR ELSE HE GETS IT!!!
IS ME.
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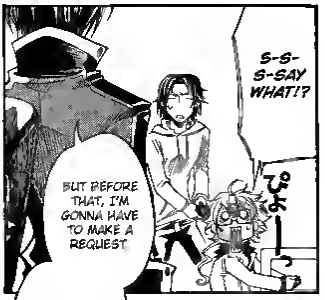
SHUT THE HELL UP!
UGH
I WAS JUST PICKING UP THE STUFF YOU DROPPED!
HOW DID I END UP LIKE THIS!? WHY AM I STUCK TO THE POLE!?

THAT'S RIGHT...
I WAS JUST PICKING UP STUFF...
YOU DROPPED SOMETHING.
OH?
!
THEN SOME DOCUMENTS THAT I HAD, WITH "CROSS" WRITTEN ALL OVER FELL TOO
AND WHAT'S THIS?
CROSS
CROSS
CROSS
AND THAT'S HOW IT WAS
EVEN IF I'M WITH CROSS, I DON'T CARRY A GUN NOR HANDCUFFS. I'M AN ACCOUNTANT, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!!
LET'S GO IN PEACE, MY BROTHER!!!
OKAY, THAT'S IT
YOU'RE DEAD.
HE
JUST KILL HIM ALREADY.

...HUH?
CROSS DOESN'T NEED ANYONE INCOMPE-TENT.

SO, KILL ME.


S-S-S-SAY WHAT!?
BUT BEFORE THAT, I'M GONNA HAVE TO MAKE A REQUEST
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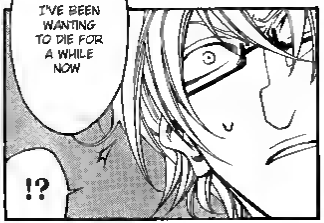
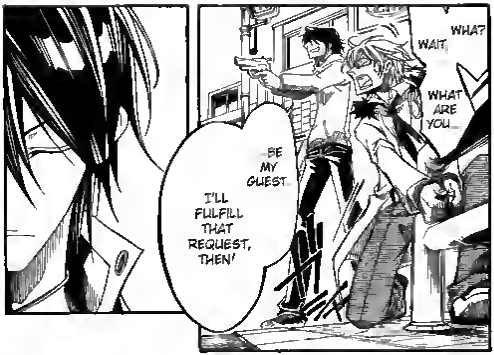

I'VE BEEN WANTING TO DIE FOR A WHILE NOW
!?

AFTER ALL, IT DOESN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE IF YOU KILL ONE OR TWO PEOPLE, RIGHT?


I'LL FULFILL THAT REQUEST, THEN!
BE MY GUEST.
WHAT ARE YOU...
WAIT
WHA?

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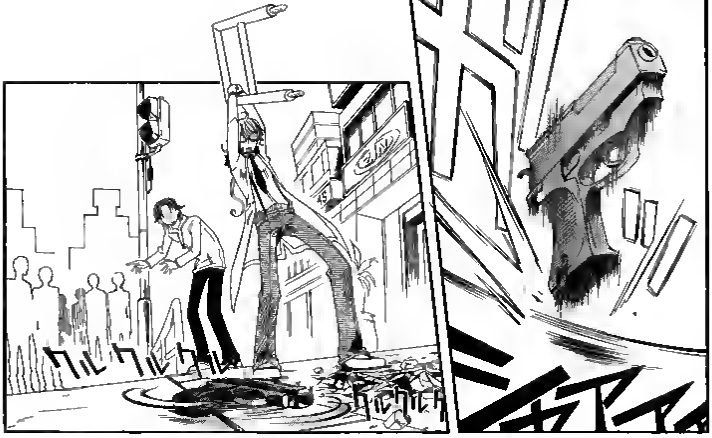
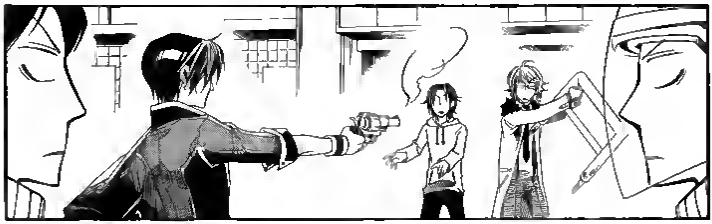
DON'T DO IT!!!!





SITUATION UNDER CONTROL

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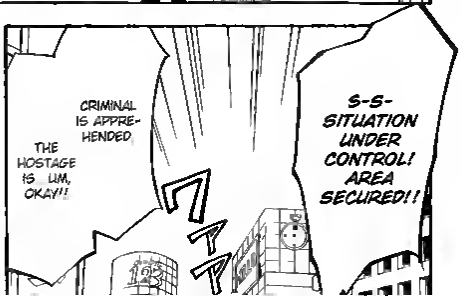
S-S-SITUATION UNDER CONTROL! AREA SECURED!!
CRIMINAL IS APPREHENDED
THE HOSTAGE IS… UM, OKAY!!

HEY, WAIT!
HEY, YOU!
HEY EARLIER YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO DIE
THAT WAS ONLY A BLUFF TO DIRECT THE GUN AWAY FROM THE HOSTAGE
EVEN THE MOST IN-COMPETENT PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIVE
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THAT!!
ONE WRONG MOVE, AND YOU...
YOU COULD'VE BEEN KILLED!!

I
WON'T
DIE.
AH...
OKAY,
OKAY.
AH...

NO WAY!!
CROSS
CHIEF!!!!
SOME INCOM-PETENT GUY
STOP CALLING ME INCOM-PETENT!!
WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE SOME SUICIDAL BASTARD?
THAT GETS PARTNERED UP WITH ME!?
I SHOULD BE ONE TO COM-PLAIN.
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WOW! WHAT'S THIS ONE-SIDED REJECTION? UNBELIE--
THE ONES THAT ARE "UNBE-LIEVEABLE" ARE YOU TWO!!
UGWOH

YOU GET 3 DAYS OF ACCOUNTING WORK TO COOL OFF!
FIRING A GUN IN FRONT OF A CROWD, TOO!
FOR STARTERS, IF BEING A HOSTAGE WASN'T TROUBLE ENOUGH,
YOU JUST HAD TO USE THAT BRUTE STRENGTH OF YOURS AND DESTROY PUBLIC PROPERTY!
SORRY, MA'AM.
ALTHOUGH, WE DID CATCH THE CRIMINAL.
...HMM
...WELL, BE THAT AS IT MAY
SINCE YOU'RE NEW HERE,
YOU GOTTA GET USED TO IT
YOU TWO BE NICE TO EACH OTHER NOW, JINGUUJI ARATA-KUN.
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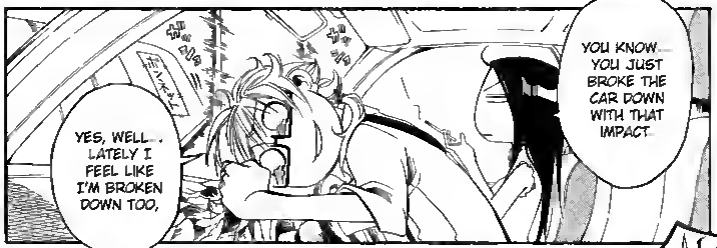
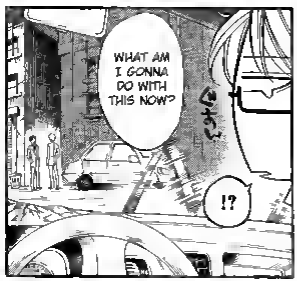
...I'M ...RENO BANKS. JUST "RENO" IS FI...
REJECTED
I DON'T WANT MY HAND CRUSHED
Oh my

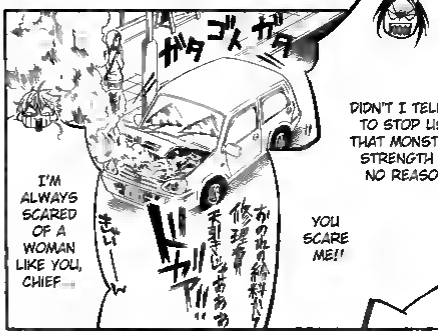
CITY RADICAL OPEN SECURITY SAMURAI
THIS MIGHT COME OFF AS A BIT LATE, BUT CROSS STANDS
CITY RADICAL OPEN SECURITY SAMURAI.
WITH THE POPULATION GROWTH DUE TO INTERNATIONALIZATION, THE DIFFERENT TYPES AND SEVERITY OF CRIMES INCREASED. IN TURN, A NEW POLICE ORGANIZATION, CROSS, CAME INTO BEING.
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, DATE OF ORIGIN, ALL UNKNOWN. PUT SIMPLY, THE PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION WAS TO UTILIZE ABILITIES, PUBLIC DEVOTION AND MANPOWER TO PROTECT ONE ANOTHER.
WITH US HERE IS CROSS, AS THERE IS A CRIMINAL CONFINED INSIDE WITH HOSTAGES
SERIOUSLY, DAY AFTER DAY .. THERE'S ALWAYS A GUNFIGHT AND ROBBERY.
THE CRIMINAL FIRED SHOTS!!
THERE ARE EMERGENCY BACK-UP!
WELL, IT DOESN'T REALLY CONCERN AN ACCOUNTANT LIKE ME.
JINGUUJI, THIS IS THE
AREA SECURED
ALRIGHT THEN LET'S GET TO WORK

THE HOSTAGES HAVE EVACUATED
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS
HUH? WHO'S THAT?
THE CRIMINAL
AND THEN,
THOSE DAYS WITH
ARATA PASSED
BY LIKE A DREAM
STOP LOOKING FOR TROUBLE, JINGUU-JI-KUN!
DOES AN ACCOUNTANT HAVE TO CATCH CRIMINALS?

IT'S OKAY.
I WON'T DIE.

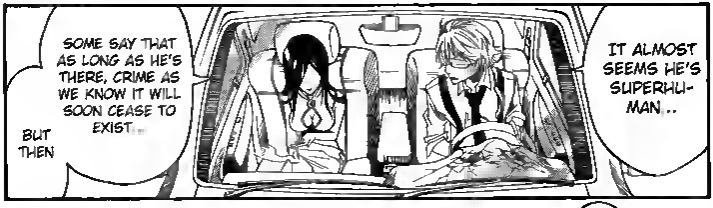

YOU KNOW... YOU JUST BROKE THE CAR DOWN WITH THAT IMPACT.
YES, WELL... LATELY I FEEL LIKE I'M BROKEN DOWN TOO.


WHAT AM I GONNA DO WITH THIS NOW?
!?


DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO STOP USING THAT MONSTROUS STRENGTH FOR NO REASON!?
YOU SCARE ME!!
I'M ALWAYS SCARED OF A WOMAN LIKE YOU, CHIEF...

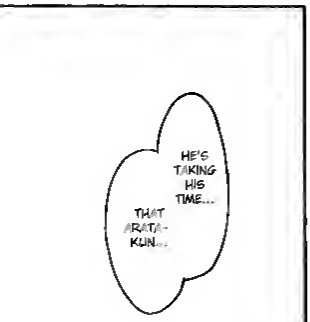
BUT NOW EVERYONE'S ALREADY GOING THERE
OH WELL, WE'LL CALL A CAB
WE WERE SUPPOSED TO PICK ARATA-KUN UP FOR THE HOMECOMING PARTY
WHAT'S WRONG?
OH NO, IT'S A COMPLETE TRADE
OH ERM IT'S ERR...
I JUST SAW SOMETHING BAD...
YOU PROBABLY WITNESSED SOMETHING BAD, DIDN'T YOU?
C-C-CHIEF! How did you know?!
NO...
I'M TOO... INCOMPETENT...
HAHA
IT SEEMS THE EYE OF A FORMER OPERATIVE DOESN'T RUST
WELL, HOW ABOUT YOU STOP BEING AN ACCOUNTANT AND GO BACK TO ACTION?
YOU KNOW, WHEN I USED TO BE ACTIVE IN THE HEADQUARTERS
...HE WAS ALREADY WORKING THERE

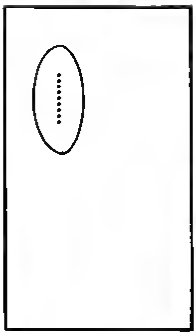
JINGUUJI ARATA,
12 YEARS OLD AT THE TIME
TWELVE
CRIME-ARREST RATIO: 100%
ONE ONE HUNDRED!?


IT ALMOST SEEMS HE'S SUPERHUMAN..
SOME SAY THAT AS LONG AS HE'S THERE, CRIME AS WE KNOW IT WILL SOON CEASE TO EXIST...
BUT THEN

HE DISAPPEARED
HE DISAPPEARED DUE TO SOME CASE
IT'S BEEN FOUR YEARS
UNTIL HE CAME BACK HERE.

HIS PARTNER
LOST HIS LIFE PROTECTING HIM.


THAT ARATA-KUN...
HE'S TAKING HIS TIME...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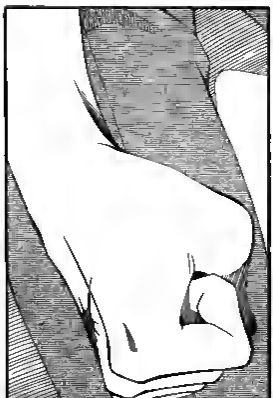

NO WAY!!!!
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CHIEF PLEASE LEND ME YOUR GUN
HUH? SURE
KNOWING HIM, HE PROBABLY WENT IN ALONE
I'M GONNA GO FOR A BIT. CHIEF SAY "HI" TO EVERYONE ELSE FOR ME.
EVEN THOUGH I SAID THAT AND LEFT, IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I CARRIED A GUN. DAMN IT.
THAT, JINGUUJI... IF HE DIED, I'D SERIOUSLY CRY. WELL, NO, IT'S BETTER OFF WITHOUT HIM HERE, BUT WITHOUT HIM, I'M.
混乱。
A MESS.

!?
THERE THEY ARE.
THESE ARE NICE GUNS
AREN'T THEY?
DAMN... THIS IS SOME PLANNED TRADE, HUH
I HOPE THEY DON'T NOTICE ME HUH !?
NOO!! IDIOT!! DON'T GO!!
JINGLULJI...!?
I KNEW HE'S HERE...
DAMN, AT THIS RATE, I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT EXPOSE MYSELF
THIS IS THE CROSS.
DROP YOUR GUNS!

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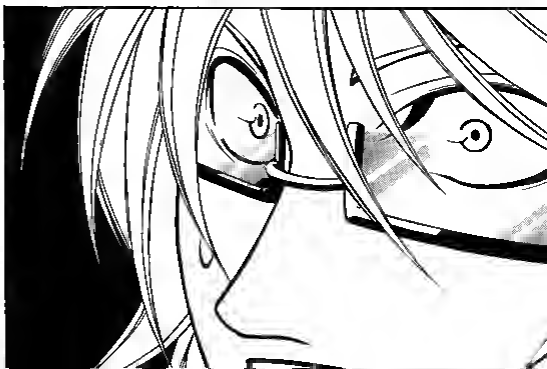
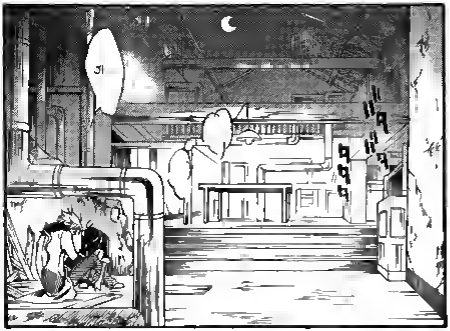
CROSS?

NICE ONE BRO
THAT SCARED ME



IT'S NOT JIN-GUUJI...!!!
INCOMPETENT
THIS AIN'T A "NICE ONE" YOU IDIOTS JUST GOT EXPOSED!
IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...
UH...
WHERE'S YOUR PARTNER?
OH GREAT, WHAT'S THIS NOW
THIS CAN'T BE GOOD...
AIN'T THAT NICE? YOU'RE PRETTY MUCH BEGGING TO DIE, AREN'T YA?
HEHEHE, I'LL DO YOU A FAVOR THEN
SERI-OUSLY
EH?
PART...?
HUH...?
HUH? DON'T TELL ME, YOU CAME HERE ALL ALONE?
?

NO WAY.
SEE YA.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TSK,
EVERY-
ONE,
SCRAM!
YES

JINGUUJI...

I WAS ONLY HIT ON THE SHOULDERS
IT'S NOTHING.
JINGUUJI, HEY!
JIN-GUU-JI!!
ANSWER ME!
JI-
SHUT UP.
?
SAVED YOU.
..AND THEN
SO I CAME
I HEARD FROM THE CHIEF THAT YOU RARGED IN ALONE
JUST A BIT MORE AND YOU
YOU COULD'VE DIED...!
WERE YOU TRYING TO KILL YOUR-SELF?
YOU'RE SOME-THING ELSE

I WON'T DIE.

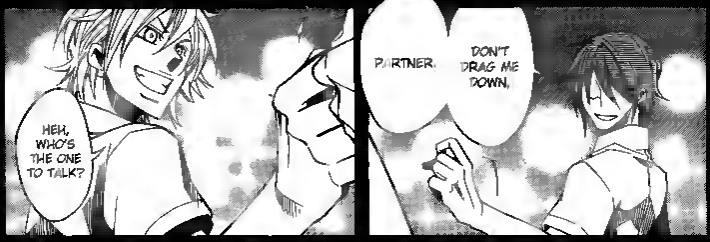
YOU PROBABLY KNOW BY NOW,
THAT THE ONE LEFT BEHIND
HAS TO
CARRY THE BURDEN OF REDEMPTION HIS WHOLE LIFE.

I,
TOO

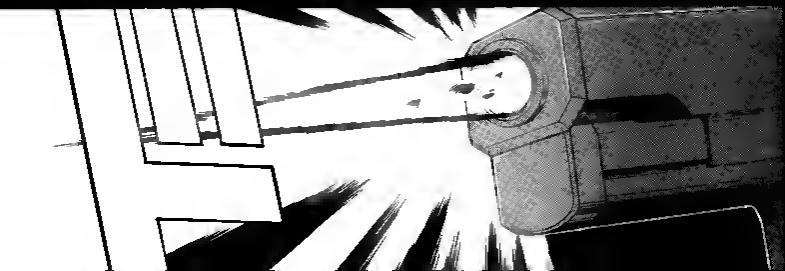
LOST
SOME-
ONE

IMPOR-
TANT.

WE WERE BOTH ORPHANS OF CRIME
I DON'T WANT EVEN ONE
MORE KID TO END UP LIKE US.
I'M SURE
WE CAN PREVENT THAT.
GAINING STRENGTH IN ORDER TO



STRENGTH TO PROTECT THE ONES IMPORTANT TO YOU



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AH...
THAT'S GOOD...
...
...
...RENO
YOU... ALIVE?

I SEE.
THE BURDEN OF REDEMP-TION THAT DAY
NO MATTER HOW STRONG I BECAME,
I COULDN'T HELP HIM.
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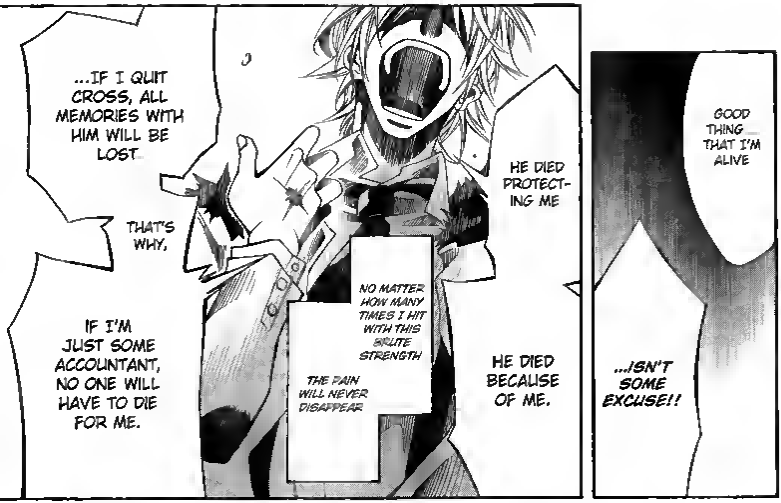
HAS
BEEN
PUSHING DOWN ON ME HEAV-ILY
ONE PERSON THAT I COULDN'T PROTECT,
RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES.


GOOD THING... THAT I'M ALIVE
...ISN'T SOME EXCUSE!!
HE DIED BECAUSE OF ME.
HE DIED PROTECTING ME
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I HIT WITH THIS BRUTE STRENGTH
THE PAIN WILL NEVER DISAPPEAR
...IF I QUIT CROSS, ALL MEMORIES WITH HIM WILL BE LOST.
THAT'S WHY,
IF I'M JUST SOME ACCOUNTANT, NO ONE WILL HAVE TO DIE FOR ME.

...I
... DON'T WANT TO SEE ANYONE DIE ANYMORE!
THE WEIGHT, FOREVER PUSHING ME DOWN.
YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN,
THAT'S WHY YOU...
I WON'T DIE.
I TOLD YOU.

THAT'S WHY I STRUGGLED
TO BECOME STRONGER.

THROWING AWAY EVERYTHING THESE PAST 4 YEARS

SO I DON'T HAVE TO LOSE ANYONE ANYMORE.
SO I DON'T HAVE TO LOSE ANY-THING ANYMORE.

AS LONG AS I DON'T DIE, I CAN KEEP PROTECTING.
AS LONG AS I DON'T DIE, NO ONE HAS TO BE SAD BECAUSE OF ME.
...THE WEIGHT OF THE BURDEN OF THAT DAY
IS TOO HEAVY, AND DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT WILL EVER DISAPPEAR
I RAN LIKE THIS, ALL THE WHILE CARRYING THIS BURDEN.

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YOU THERE, KILL THEM!
SURE THING!
HYAHA! HOW'S THAT?
IF YOU CROSS PUNKS WENT THAT FAR, LET'S SEE YOU TRY AND GET ME NOW!
YOU'RE
I'M GOING IN
HURRY UP AND RUN
JINGUUJI, THIS IS SERIOUSLY, ABSOLUTELY NOT GOOD
GOING...?

HE-- HEY, HEY! WHAT ARE YOU SERIOUS...!?

OUT OF AMMO?
YOU CAN'T RELOAD WITH ONE HAND

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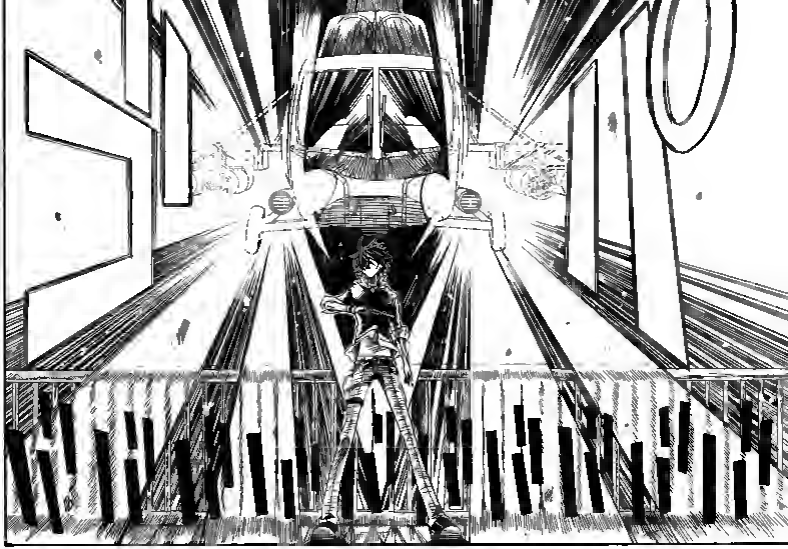
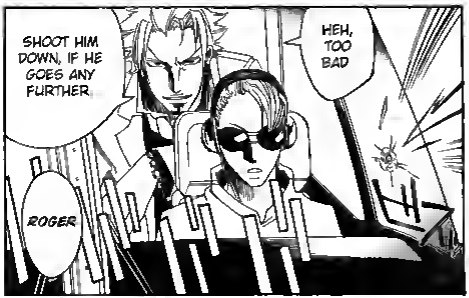
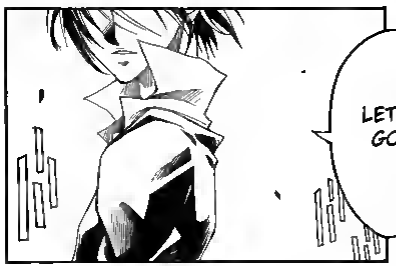
CARRIED EVERY-THING
WE BOTH LOST SOMEONE IMPORTANT.
YET YOU
AND STILL RAN FORWARD
AM I DOING...
WHAT...
.....
AS FOR ME...




SHOOT HIM DOWN, IF HE GOES ANY FURTHER.
ROGER
HEH, TOO BAD



LET'S GO,
JIN-UUJI!

PARTNER!

NO WAY
NO WAY
NO WAY!!
NO WAY!!
I DIDN'T TELL YOU TO ACT COOL, DAMMIT!!!!

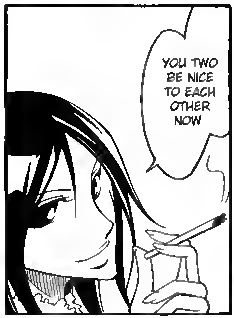
RENO!
BUT

ARATA!!!
GO!!!
IF IT'S WITH YOU...

IT MIGHT BE POS-SIBLE
NO
NO
NO...
FRIGGIN WAY...

IDIOTS
ドゴオーン
YOU

WHY CAN'T YOU TWO BE MORE SOPHISTICATED?
SORRY MA'AM
DESTROYING HALF THE BUILDING. FORCING A HELICOPTER TO CRASH-LAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREETS.
JINGUUJI ARATA, FROM NOW ON, ALL YOUR ACTIONS ARE TO BE TAKEN OUT WITH A PARTNER.
AL-THOUGH WE DID CATCH THE CRIMINAL
THESE ARE MY ABSOLUTE ORDERS!!


YOU TWO BE NICE TO EACH OTHER NOW

SOMEONE LIKE YOU ISN'T FIT FOR AN ACCOUNTANT
BUT CHI

RENO BANKS,
YOU'RE WITH HIM.

NO, THANKS.
AH, WELL, I GUESS WE GOT NO CHOICE..
WE'LL BE WORKING TOGETHER, ARATA.

NO
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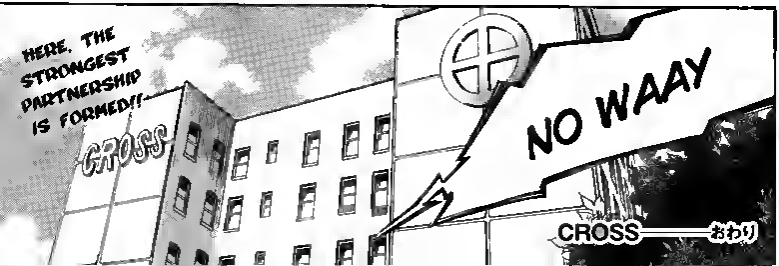
I'D RATHER DIE, THAN BE WITH HIM.
HAVING AN INCOMPETENT GUY LIKE HIM, WHO BARGES IN ALONE INTO THE ENEMY, AS IF WANTING TO DIE ..


HERE, THE STRONGEST PARTNERSHIP IS FORMED!!
CROSS
NO WAAY
CROSS おわり